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Title: Appropriate Initial Antibiotic Therapy in Hospitalized Patients with Gram-Negative Infections: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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Dear to:

Please find enclosed the revised manuscript, "Appropriate Initial Antibiotic Therapy in Hospitalized Patients with Gram-Negative Infections: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis." After careful consideration of the editorial comments provided, the following changes were made to the document:

- Line numbers have been added and page breaks were removed.
- The Methods section includes the following sentence (lines 178-180) "This review evaluated data from published studies and was exempt from ethics committee approval. This review did not involve any direct research on patients, and no informed consent was required."
- Tables have been renumbered in the order they are listed in the main text and supplemental appendix.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
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